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1. VIETNAM

SRV PRESSED CAMPAIGN TUES TO NORMALIZE RELS W/US, SAYING
IT WOULD MEET US OFFICIALS "ANY PLACE, ANY TIME." ARRIVING
NZ, VICE FONMIN HIEN TOLD AIRPORT NEWS CONF "IT IS SO
IMPORTANT" FOR 2 TO BEGIN NORMALIZATION PROCESS. SAID HE
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TOLD AMERICANS "THAT IF THE TWO SIDES UNDERSTOOD THE
IMPORTANCE OF RELATIONS," THE TWO MUST GET TOGETHER. HIEN
ALSO CONTINUED HIS HARSH CRITICISM OF PRC.

ACTING NZ FONMIN SAID GONZ CONCERNED ABOUT CONTINUING FLOW
OF REFUGEES FROM VN/ABOUT GROWING TENSION BETWN VN/ITS
NEIGHBORS. GONZ SPOKESMAN SAID HIEN WOULD BE GIVEN LTR
FROM NZ CHURCHES' COMMISSION ON HUMAN RTS PROTESTING
PLIGHT OF POL PRISONERS ALLEGEDLY HELD IN VIET JAILS
(UPI WELLINGTON, JOC).

2. VIETNAM/ CHINA

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PRC PROPOSED BILAT TALKS W/SRV WEDS TO SETTLE QUESTION OF
ETHNIC CHINESE BEING DRIVEN OUT OF VN. FONMIN STATEMENT

SUGGESTED TALKS SHOULD BE AT VICE FONMIN LEVEL IN EITHER
PEKING/HANOI. SAID MORE THAN 2,000 CHINESE HAD CROSSED
BORDER FROM VN IN LAST WK, BRINGING TO 120,000 NUMBER
FORCED LEAVE VN. NCNA REPORTS PRC/SRV HELD THEIR 17TH
NEGOT SESSION MON ON CHINESE SEALIFT, BUT TALKS REMAINED
DEADLOCKED (REUTER'S MACKENZIE PEKING; AP TOKYO).

LAT'S MATHEWS (NANNING 7/16) SAYS S CHINA SHOWS SIGNS OF
POTENTIAL TROUBLE--LEAVES CANCELLED FOR ALL MIL PERSONNEL
IN AREA/PLA SOLDIERS PATROLLING OUTSKIRTS OF CITY/RESI-
DENTS ORDERED MAKE ROOM FOR MORE REFUGEES/DIG AIR RAID
SHELTERS FOR THEMSELVES UNDER APARTMENTS/BLDGS. NOTES
PEKING REPORTEDLY MOVED 15 ARMY DIVISIONS NEAR BORDER,
SRV 5, WHILE ANALYSTS SAY POSSIBILITY OF HOSTILITIES CAN
NO LONGER BE RULED OUT.

3. VIETNAM/JAPAN

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GROUP OF 22 JAPANESE BANKS AGREE LEND 87.7 MIL DEUTSCHE
MARKS (42.2 MIL DOLS) TO BANK OF FON TRADE OF VN TO
FINANCE STEEL PROD PURCHASE FROM JAPAN (WSJ TOKYO).

4. VIETNAM/CAMBODIA

RADIO PP REPORTED WEDS "MANY TENS OF THOUSANDS" VIET
TROOPS KILLED IN BORDER WAR/THAT SRV HAS "PROBLEM" DUE TO
SOLDIERS KILLED AFTER INFILTRATING CAMBODIAN TERRITORY
(REUTER BANGKOK).

IN NYT SPEC (BANGKOK), NORMAN PEAGAM REPORTS VIET RADIO
PUBLICIZING CAMBODIAN REFUGEE STORIES IN BROADCASTS IN
RECENT WKS. SAYS TENS OF THOUSANDS CAMBODIANS HAVE FLED
INTO VN IN LAST 3 YRS, W/50-60 STILL ARRIVING MONTHLY,
DESPITE PHYSICAL WEAKNESS/CLOSE SURVEILLANCE/LAND MINES ON
CAMBODIAN SIDE OF BORDER. SAYS REFUGEES IN VN/THAILAND
GIVE IDENTICAL ACCOUNTS OF LIFE IN CAMBODIA--CONDITIONS
HAVE NOT IMPROVED, DESPITE GOOD CROPS/STEADY CONSOLIDATION
OF POWER/INTL OUTRAGE.

5. INDONESIA

SAWITO KARTOWIBOWO, FORMER EMPLOYEE GOI AGRIC MIN,
SENTENCED TO 8 YRS TUES FOR PLOTTING BRING ABOUT SUHARTO'S
RESIGNATION BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS. SAWITO SAID DURING
TRIAL HE HAD RECEIVED ORDER TO TOPPLE SUHARTO IN DIVINE

REVELATION (REUTER JAKARTA, WP).

INDO ATTY GEN INDICATES NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST
LT GEN IBNU SUTOWO IN CONNECTION W/3 BIL DOLS OF TANKER
CONTRACTS HE ARRANGED WHILE HEAD OF PERTAMINA (WSJ).

6. PHILIPPINES

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AFTER LOSS OF 25 MIL DOLS ON OPRNS IN PHILS IN RECENT YRS,
FORD MOTOR CO HAS DECIDED INVEST 4.3 MIL DOLS IN EXPANSION
PROGRAM, FOLLOWING 100,000 DOLS IN PROFITS EARNED IN
1ST HALF YR. NEW INVESTMENT EXPECTED INCREASE PRODUCTION
CAPACITY TO 24,000 VEHICLES/YR (WSJ SPEC MANILA).

7. JAPAN

FINANCE MINISTRY ANNOUNCES JAPAN'S TRADE SURPLUS ON CUSTOMS
CLEARANCE BASIS HIT 2.37 BIL DOLS IN JUNE--2ND HIGHEST
SURPLUS ON RECORD. JAPAN ALSO RECORDED 8.4-BIL-DOL
SURPLUS FOR 1ST HALF '78--ALL-TIME RECORD. JUNE EXPORTS
UP 21.7 PCT/IMPORTS DOWN 1.8 PCT FROM LAST YR (UPI, JOC;
REUTER TOKYO 7/18; WP).

TRADE MIN KIMOTO TOLD BUSINESS LEADERS IN TOKYO 7/19
HE BELIEVED JAPAN'S SURPLUS WAS MAJOR FACTOR BEHIND YEN'S
APPRECIATION AGAINST DOL/URGED GOJ INCREASE EMERGENCY
IMPORTS TO MORE THAN 10 BIL DOLS IN ORDER REDUCE
SURPLUS, STABILIZE YEN (REUTER TOKYO).

FUKUDA TOLD PRESS IN BRUSSELS TUES THAT IF JAPAN'S EXPORT
PRICES REMAIN STABLE/INFLATION DOESN'T WORSEN IN OTHER
COUNTRIES, "WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE OUR HUGE CURRENT
ACCOUNT SURPLUS DISAPPEAR." SAID MEASURES NOW TAKEN OR
ENVISIONED BY JAPAN SHOULD BE "MORE THAN SUFFICIENT" TO
ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE (JOC BRUSSELS).

US' PITTSTON CO HAS AGREED TO JAPANESE CUSTOMERS' REQUESTS
FOR REDUCED COAL DELIVERIES, BUT WON 5.5 PCT PRICE INCREASE
IN RETURN, ACCORDING FIRM'S CHRMN. JAPANESE FOUND
NEGOTIATED CHANGES IN LONG-TERM CONTRACTS NECESSARY DUE
LOWER DEMAND FOR JAPANESE STEEL (WSJ).
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FIVE JAPANESE/1 FRENCH BANK WILL EXTEND 24.5-MIL-DOL YEN-
QUOTED LOAN TO IVORY COAST (UPI, JOC).

TOYOTA/NISSAN REPORT SLOWDOWN IN AUTO EXPORTS IN JUNE, THO
DOMESTIC SALES CONTINUED RISE. EXPORT DECLINE ATTRIBUTED

TO YEN'S APPRECIATION AGAINST DOL (UPI, JOC).

NIPPON STEEL WILL REPORTEDLY CONCLUDE COMPREHENSIVE COOP AGREEMENT W/ALGERIA TO CONSTRUCT LARGE-SCALE INTEGRATED

STEEL PLANT THERE. PROPOSED MILL EXPECTED BE EQUIVALENT IN SIZE/CAPACITY TO SHANGHAI MILL CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN PRC (UPI, JOC).

8. JAPAN/TRADE

WP'S ROWE QUOTES STRAUSS AT 7/18 HOUSE TRADE SUBCMTE HEARING THAT US "NOT SATISFIED" W/PROGRESS ON US FARM EXPORTS. EXPRESSED VIEW ADMIN WOULD NOT SUBMIT TRADE BILL TO CONGRESS UNLESS EUR/JAPAN MORE FORTHCOMING ON THIS ISSUE. NOTES FUKUDA PROMISED CARTER AT ECON SUMMIT THAT JAPAN WOULD TAKE "EMERGENCY AND EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES" IF ITS TRADE SURPLUS W/US IS NOT SHRINKING. IN INTERVIEW LATER, STRAUSS SAID THERE IS "SPECIFICITY" IN AGREEMENT W/FUKUDA THAT ADMIN CANNOT SAY MORE ABOUT NOW.

REUTER'S POSNER (7/18) ADDS THAT STRAUSS SAID HE AGREED W/FUKUDA TO HOLD NEGOTIATING SESSION IN WASHINGTON EARLY SEPT BETWN AGRIC SECYS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. QUOTES STRAUSS, "WE EXPECT TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL AGRICULTURAL PROGRESS."

9. JAPAN/ECON SUMMIT

WSJ QUOTES KEIDANREN SPOKESMAN THAT PLANS SET FORTH AT BONN SUMMIT ARE OF "GREAT SIGNIFICANCE," BUT "THE QUESTION IS UNCLASSIFIED

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HOW TO IMPLEMENT THEM." PRES CARTER'S PROMISES ALSO CITED, BUT KEIDANREN SOURCES EXPRESSED DOUBT AS TO WHETHER US WILL BE ABLE CARRY THRU ON PLEDGES.

JOC'S CULLISON (TOKYO) SAYS GOJ/JAPANESE BUSINESS LEADERS "CONSIDERABLY RELIEVED" THAT BONN SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS DIDN'T INSIST JAPAN ASSUME GREATER RESPONSIBILITY FOR STIMULATING GLOBAL ECON. JAPANESE REPORTEDLY CONVINCED THAT SUCH PRESSURE DID NOT DEVELOP AT BONN BECAUSE THEIR PLEDGED 7 PCT GROWTH RATE MUCH HIGHER THAN PERCENTAGES PLEDGED BY OTHER NATIONS. TOKYO'S STATED DETERMINATION SLASH TRADE SURPLUS ALSO CITED AS HELPING AVERT ATTACK ON JAPAN BY US/EUR.

IN REPORT ON SUMMIT, REUTER (7/18 BONN) NOTES GOJ FACES POSSIBLE OPPOSITION FROM ITS LEADING BUSINESS--WHOSE WEALTH HAS COME FROM VIGOROUS EXPORT DRIVES--IN ATTEMPTING CUT TRADE SURPLUS. JAPANESE SOURCES AT SUMMIT SAID IT WOULD NOT BE EASY GETTING SOME SURPLUS-CUTTING MEASURES THRU DIET.

10. JAPAN/CHINA

FIVE SENIOR JAPANESE FONMIN OFFICIALS, LED BY MINISTRY'S ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU CHIEF YOSUKE NAKAE, WILL JOIN JAPANESE AMB SATO FRIDAY FOR PEKING TALKS ON JAPAN-PRC PEACE-FRIENDSHIP TREATY (REUTER TOKYO).

CSM'S OKA (TOKYO) INTERVIEWS FONMIN SONODA ON RESUMPTION TREATY TALKS. SONODA SAYS MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION HE WILL DISCUSS W/CHINESE WILL BE WHETHER PRC, AFTER IT BECOMES STRONG, WILL "COMMIT HEGEMONY-SEEKING ACTS AGAINST THOSE WEAKER THAN HERSELF." SPEAKING FURTHER ON CONTROVERSIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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"ANTI-HEGEMONY" CLAUSE--WHICH CAUSED TREATY NEGOTS BREAK DOWN IN '75--SAID, "BEFORE WE TALK ABOUT THE HEGEMONY-SEEKING OF OTHERS, WE SHOULD FIRST OF ALL ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF OURSELVES." STATED TO LABEL USSR IN ADVANCE AS HEGEMONISTIC/TAKE HOSTILE ACTION AGAINST IN COLLABORATION W/PRC IS "ROAD THAT MUST BE EMPHATICALLY AVOIDED." STATED HE ALSO PLANNED DISCUSS W/CHINESE POSSIBILITY OF JAPAN STANDING READY MEDIATE SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE.

11. CHINA

NCNA 7/18 ACCUSED CCK OF HOPING DISRUPT US-PRC NORMALIZATION/OF COLLUSION W/USSR. CLAIMED CCK HAS "CLUNG TO THE US WITH MIGHT IN ORDER TO PRESERVE HIS REACTIONARY RULE ON TAIWAN." WESTERN DIPLOS REPORTEDLY PUZZLED BY ITEM'S REFERENCE TO ROC COLLUSION W/SOVIETS, SAYING IT SEEMED REFLECT FEAR IN PEKING OF MOSCOW GAINING FOOTHOLD ON TAIWAN AT TIME WHEN SINO-SOVIET RIVALRY BECOMING MORE HEATED (REUTER'S MACKENZIE PEKING 7/18).

VICE PREMIER LI SAYS PEKING WILL EXPAND 10-YR ECON DEVELOPMENT PLAN ENDING IN '85. JAPANESE BUSINESS LEADERS RETURNING FROM RECENT PRC VISIT SAID LI TOLD THEM PEKING WISHES SEEK LONG-TERM, PRIVATE LOANS FROM JAPAN TO MEET CAPITAL DEMAND FOR DOMESTIC CONSTRUCTION IN NEXT 2 YRS (UPI, JOC TOKYO).

ACCORDING RADIO PEKING, DROUGHT/HEATWAVE THREATEN EARLY RICE CROP IN CHEKIANG PROVINCE. SOME 7,000 LOCAL OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY HAVE LEFT FOR COUNTRYSIDE TO DIRECT ANTI-DROUGHT OPERATION (REUTER HK).

REUTER (TAIPEI) REPORTS PRC PLANS BUY MILLION METRIC TONS GRAIN WHEN 3RD PURCHASING MISSION VISITS US TOWARDS END SEPTEMBER. PURCHASE TO INCLUDE CORN/SOYBEANS/WHEAT.

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12. AUSTRALIA

AUSSIE SPECIAL TRADE REP GARLAND TOLD ADMIN/CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS IN WASHINGTON 7/18 THAT MOVES TO CHANGE FORMULA FOR US BEEF IMPORTS COULD AFFECT AUSTRALIA'S OFFER CUT TARIFFS ON INDUSTRIAL GOODS FROM US. SAID AUSTRALIA'S PROPOSAL CUT TARIFFS ON INDUSTRIAL GOODS--PROPOSED AT GENEVA TRADE TALKS--DEPENDENT UPON RECIPROCAL OFFERS FROM OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS. TOLD USDA SEC BERGLAND/ OTHER SENIOR USDA/DOS OFFICIALS THAT LEGISLATION CUTTING AUSSIE BEEF IMPORTS RUNS CONTRARY TO US TRADE POLICY/ WOULD BE INCONSISTENT W/US CALLS FOR OTHER COUNTRIES LIBERALIZE AGRICULTURAL TRADE (ATKINS, REUTER 7/18).

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND COAL MINERS HAVE VOTED CONTINUE 6-WK-OLD STRIKE FOR ANOTHER WK. WALKOUT INVOLVES OVER 1,750 MINERS/HAS BEEN ESTIMATED COST MORE THAN 123 MIL DOLS AUSTRALIAN (UNICOM NEWS, JOC SYDNEY).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

13. JAPAN/CHINA

CSM'S MORITZ DOES CENTERFOLD SPREAD ON UPCOMING JAPAN-PRC TREATY NEGOTS, TONE OF WHICH (RE REFERENCES TO SOVIET HEGEMONY) SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE COULD AFFECT NE ASIAN POWER BALANCE FOR YRS. STATES NECESSITY OF MAINTAINING GOOD RELS W/BOTH PRC/USSR PRECLUDES POSSIBILITY OF JAPAN PLAYING ITS OWN "CHINA CARD." REMARKS FUKUDA SEES EARLY TREATY CONCLUSION AS IMPORTANT POL ASSET FOR HIM, WHICH COULD ULTIMATELY HELP HIM HOLD ON TO LDP LEADERSHIP AFTER PARTY ELECTION. BELIEVES WITH OR W/O TREATY, JAPAN'S CONTRIBUTION TO CHINESE DEVELOPMENT WILL GROW, AS WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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JAPANESE IMPORTS OF CHINESE COAL FOR STEELMAKING/ ELECTRICITY GENERATION. OBSERVERS ALSO SEE UNLIKELY ANY DIRECT PRC-JAPAN INTL ALLIANCE, THO JAPANESE EXPORT MILITARY-RELATED ITEMS BELIEVED NOT SO FAR-FETCHED.

14. CHINA

TORONTO GLOBE/MAIL'S FRASER (SF CHRON 7/12) DOES ITEM ON PROBLEMS AFRICANS PRESENT IN PEKING. FINDS SUBJECT OFFICIALLY TABOO, BUT PRIVATELY, IS ONE OF MORE TALKED ABOUT PROBLEMS IN PEKING'S DIPLO COMMUNITY. CITES VARIOUS CASES OF AFRICANS--MOSTLY FROM SMALLER/POORER/MORE BACKWARD COUNTRIES--WHO HAVE CAUSED IMMEASURABLE DIFFICULTIES FOR CHINESE AS WELL AS FOREIGNERS STATIONED THERE. SAYS FEW

DIPLOS WILLING DISCUSS PROBLEM, FOR FEAR OF BEING LABELED BIGOTS, BUT FACT OF LIFE IN PEKING IS THAT WHENEVER TROUBLE

DEVELOPS IN CITY'S FOREIGN QUARTER, IT CAN USUALLY BE TRACED BACK TO AFRICAN SOURCES. DIPLOS ALSO SAY SOME OF THESE AFRICAN COUNTRIES SEND "VERY STRANGE PEOPLE" TO PEKING. STATES 1 DIPLOMAT, "HAVE YOU EVER STOPPED TO THINK WHAT QUALIFICATIONS SOMEONE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE TO EARN THE TRUST OF IDI AMIN FOR A FOREIGN POSTING?"

15. CHINA/VIETNAM

NYT EDIT DISCUSSES PRC'S DECISION CUT TIES W/ALBANIA, SRV. ON FORMER, SAYS IT NEVER OFFERED PEKING ANYTHING BUT IDEOLOGICAL KINSHIP AGAINST MOSCOW. RE SRV, BELIEVES HANOI'S RECENT HINT THAT IT WOULD WELCOME NORMAL RELS W/US W/O INSISTING ON "REPARATIONS" IS CERTAINLY PRODUCT OF SRV'S NEW ANXIETY ABOUT PRC. NOTES EVEN DURING VN WAR-- WHEN PEKING-HANOI ALLIANCE FIRMLY INTACT--SOME US SCHOLARS PREDICTED RENEWED TENSION BETWN THEM. OPINES US FAILED GRASP IMPLICATIONS OF THAT LIKELIHOOD, AND "SO, IT IS NOW PLAIN, DID PEKING."
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16. HONG KONG

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (HK) DOES ITEM ON HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORP'S DOMINATION OF COLONY'S ECON. DISCUSSES BANK'S ACQUISITION OF MARINE MIDLAND CORP, WHICH SOME ANALYSTS SEE MOTIVATED BY CONCERN OVER HK'S FUTURE. NOTES UK'S LEASE ON NEW TERRITORIES--WHICH MAKE UP NINE-TENTHS OF HK--EXPIRES IN '97, AND BANK'S CURRENT CHRMN HAS STATED THAT THERE MUST BE SOME FORM OF ASSURANCE FROM PEKING ON HK'S FUTURE W/IN NEXT 5 YRS OR PROPERTY INTERESTS IN NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE PUT IN JEOPARDY. BUTTERFIELD SEES SUCH ASSURANCE DIFFICULT OBTAIN, AS PRC UNLIKELY MAKE OPEN STATEMENT THAT UK CAN GO ON RULING HK (7/16).

17. ECON SUMMIT

PHINQ EDIT FINDS TONE OF SUMMIT COOPERATIVE/DESIGNATES THIS DEFINITE PLUS. REMARKS PRES CARTER'S "FREE-WILL OFFERING" TO MEETING WAS PLEDGE THAT US WILL REDUCE SUBSTANTIALLY ITS CONSUMPTION FON OIL. HOWEVER, CHIDES CONGRESS FOR FAILURE ESTABLISH ENERGY PROGRAM. OPINES IF US WILL TO MEET PLEDGE MADE IN BONN, CONGRESS MUST ACT.

GLOBE'S OLIPHANT DISCUSSES SUMMIT FROM PERSEPCTIVE OF WHAT IT MEANT FOR 3RD WORLD. FINDS MTG TOTAL FAILURE ON ISSUE INCREASED INTL AID FOR LDCS. QUOTES FUKUDA THAT INDUSTRIA-LIZED NATIONS MUST PRODUCE "NEXT YEAR SOME CONCRETE POSITION ABOUT THE NORTH-SOUTH PROBLEM," BUT SAYS OLIPHANT, "IT

CERTAINLY DIDN'T HAPPEN HERE."

18. VIETNAM

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ACCORDING SUN'S TREWHITT, IN OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES, US WOULD BE HAPPIER ABOUT MESSAGE PHAN HIEN IS CARRYING ON HIS TOUR OF W PACIFIC--THAT SRV READY DISCUSS NORMALIZATION W/US FREE OF PRECONDITIONS. POINTS OUT THAT, ACCORDING EARLIER US FORMULA FOR NEGOTS, THAT OUGHT CLEAR WAY FOR INDUSTRIOUS DIPLOMACY; BUT US DIPLOS WANT CLEARER MESSAGE, SINCE HIEN ALSO TALKING OF MASSIVE US AID "AS IF IT WERE AN INEVITABLE PART" OF DIPLO EXCHANGE. QUOTES US OFFICIALS THAT "WE'RE NOT INTERESTED IN PAYING REPARATIONS IN THE GUISE OF AID." ALSO NOTES THAT POL CLIMATE HAS CHANGED RECENTLY IN SEASIA/THAT TO PURSUE NORMALIZATION W/BOTH SRV/PRC "US MUST FEEL ITS WAY THRU A POLITICAL MINEFIELD W/O CAUSING AN EXPLOSION." OPINES TO EXTENT THAT US CAN IMPROVE RELS W/SRV, IT ALSO MAY DILUTE RUSSIAN INFLUENCE. SAYS WORKING ASSUMPTION IN WASHINGTON IS THAT VIETS IN LONG RUN WANT US TECHNOLOGY/ AID/HOPE STRIKE BALANCE BETWN WASHINGTON/MOSCOW.

ATLANTA CONSTITUTION (7/13) RUNS 2 EDITS ON STATUS RELS W/SRV. SAYS US SHOULD RESPOND POSITIVELY TO WHAT AMOUNTS TO MAJOR POLICY REVERSAL FOR VIETS. NOTES THEY UNDERSCORED THEIR CHANGE OF MIND BY SENDING DEL TO HAWAII TO DISCUSS EFFORTS LOCATE MIAS. SUPPORTS ESTABLISHMENT DIPLO RELS BY REMINDING READERS THAT 2 US ENEMIES OF FORMER WARS--JAPAN/GERMANY--ARE NOW AMONG OUR BEST FRIENDS. CHRISTOPHER

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